



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 12 December

Advent 3

The aim of this leaflet is to help you pray at home as part of the Worldwide Anglican family in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please use this sheet in conjunction with weekly Pewsheets and the SEC Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer.

You can follow these Daily Offices online at
www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/

where you will find Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer each day of the week. All the Psalm and Bible texts are automatically there for the day and any commemoration or Festival.

9am start Monday to Friday - You can pray with the Renfrewshire Region using the Zoom/Telephone details call 01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407# Participant ID: # Passcode: 076546# Press *6 on the phone to unmute yourself so that others can hear you joining in or clicking this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMIBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

Just before the Lord's Prayer you can insert these prayer intentions for the day and the names of those for whom we have been asked to pray in their different needs from the Pewsheets. Also are included the Benedictine Prayers of Union which Rev Reuben uses everyday being an Oblate of Alton Abbey in Hampshire.

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JOINT CALL TO PRAYER

each SUNDAY 7pm

Light a candle in your window at 7pm on Sunday, along with Christians of all denominations. You can say the prayer below as you do so.



We pray:

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And fill the hearts of your faithful people.
May your Spirit come as the One who speaks for us
And advocates on our behalf.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And kindle in us the fire of your love.
May your Spirit comfort us in our sorrow
And strengthen us in our weakness
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And create your people anew.
May your Spirit come to counsel and direct us
And grant to us wisdom in all we face.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And renew the face of all the earth.
May your Spirit help us to care for Creation
And to live as those who cherish the gifts you have given.*

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And set us free to worship and glorify your name.
Come, Holy Spirit,
And fill our hearts with love for you.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

In a joint message, church leaders in Scotland said:
"The Gospel of John speaks of the One who is to come and of the One who is go. Jesus is the One who is to go and he must do so first. On hearing this, the disciples of Jesus are filled with sorrow and he explains to them that 'if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you'. The disciples fear that they will be left bereft and Jesus reassures them that his absence will be filled by the outpouring of 'the Spirit of truth'. The Spirit is the One who is to come and Jesus is the One who is to go. (John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15)

"Who is the Spirit who is to come? In the Gospel of John, the word used to describe the Spirit is variously translated as 'Advocate', 'Comforter', 'Counsellor', 'Helper' or simply transliterated as 'Paraclete'. (John 15: 26) The word used is found in only one other place in the New Testament outwith the Gospel and here it is used to describe Jesus. Jesus is the One who stands before the Father and pleads for us. (1 John 2: 1)

"[On this Pentecost Sunday], we give thanks to God for the Spirit outpoured on the people of God. The Spirit comes to be the abiding presence of God in our lives and in the life of the people of God. We give thanks that the Spirit is the One who has come."

Signed by:

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church
Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair, (then) Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland
Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic Church
Rev. John Fulton, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Donnie G. MacDonald, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland
Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)
Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland
Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)
Rev. May-Kane Logan, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland
Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army
Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Rev. Claire Fender, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene
Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God
Bishop Francis Alao, Church of God (Scotland)/Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland (MECTIS)
Rev Fred Drummond, Director, Evangelical Alliance (Scotland).

Some prayers for use during the pandemic

God of all mercy and compassion,
life and death are in your hands.

Hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection,
of isolation, fear, and uncertainty:
for the sick, and those weighed down by pain, distress,
loneliness, and anxiety;
for all who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear;
and for those who have responsibility for public health and social order.
Hear the cry of the afflicted and let them be comforted,
so that all who suffer may come to know
that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ,
who gave his life for the salvation of the world;
and by your blessing on them and those who care for them,
may they be restored, according to your will,
to soundness of body and mind,
and offer you joyful thanks in your Church.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

God of our Salvation,
you have ordained that we should serve you
in serving one another.
Look upon this nation,
burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.
Grant us grace to work together,
with honest and faithful hearts,
each caring for the good of all;
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,
we may have added to us all things that we need
for our daily sustenance
and the common good.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Based on a prayer of Geoffrey Fisher)

O God, whose love we cannot measure,
nor even number thy blessings:
we bless and praise thee for all thy goodness,
who in our weakness art our strength,
in our darkness, light,
in our sorrows, comfort and peace,
and from everlasting to everlasting art our God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world without end.

(Supplement to the Indian Book of Common Prayer)

The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked (John 20. 19)

Ever-present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost
inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake.

(A prayer by Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark)

Faith in action (December) – HIV/AIDS

You may wish to consider doing one or more of the following:

- pray for people living with HIV/AIDS
- commemorate International AIDS Day on the 1st December each year
- pray for all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS
- pray for more effective drugs to combat this disease
- support charities who work with people living with HIV/AIDS
- volunteer in a hospice for those dying from this disease
- unconditionally accept people living with HIV/AIDS as equal members of the body of Christ

**God of all compassion,
Comfort your sons and daughters who live with HIV.
Spread over us all your quilt of Mercy, Love and Peace.
Open our eyes to your presence reflected in their faces.**

Open our ears to your truth echoing in their hearts.
Give us the strength
To weep with the grieving,
To walk with the lonely,
To stand with the depressed.
May our love mirror your love
For those who live in fear,
Who live under stress and who suffer rejection.
Mothering, fathering God
Grant rest to those who have died
And hope to all who live with HIV
God of life, help us to find the cure now
And help us to build a world in which
No one dies alone and where
Everyone lives accepted
Wanted and loved.
AMEN

Intercessions in the United Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew

Sunday 12 December intentions, Advent 3

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Canada

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.
- Diocesan Treasurer (Robert Burgon); Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn).
- St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Harriet Johnston, Kennedy Fraser).
- St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland).
- In the SEI: Ferdinand von Prondzynski, Diocese of Aberdeen and



Orkney, ordinand

We pray for our national leaders in the working out of the COP26 conclusions and challenges here in the UK and across the world.

We pray for hope for an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world and healing for all who are suffering from Covid-19 at home and in hospital.

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing, and wholeness in their lives - body, mind and spirit.

We pray for the Diocesan Charges' and our individual engagement with the *10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis*

We pray for people who are facing bereavement at this time – may strength and courage be theirs O Holy Spirit

We pray for St Johns Christmas Meal taking place today – may it be a time of great blessing and fellowship

In our communities

We pray for all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID across the entire world, for the political and social will to make it happen fully.

We pray for the NHS staff and volunteers in this time of strain during the roll out of booster vaccines and flu jags.

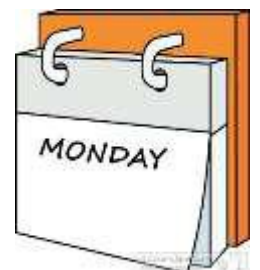
We pray for our own relations who are far from us at this time.

We pray for all who we know whose travel plans for Christmas have been disrupted by the pandemic.

Monday 13 December intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ijumu – The Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)



In the SEC

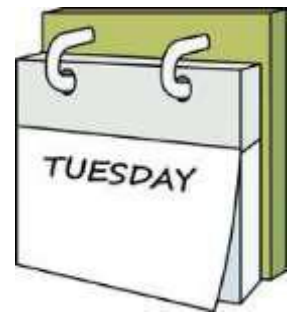
- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift).

- Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow).
- Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne).
- St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood).
- In the SEI: Eilidh Proudfoot, Diocese of Edinburgh, New College ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in this Advent season to have a desire to see our churches grow and develop: may we have eyes to see how to use our buildings more effectively in addressing the issues of global climate crisis.

We pray for our Charge Vestry Secretaries – that the work they do to help administer our Churches may be valued by all.



In our communities

We pray for all those agencies getting ready to offer help and support over the Christmas period.

We pray for the LGBTQ helplines run by the Glasgow Health and Wellbeing project

We pray for our SMPs in their work of supporting the community/

Tuesday 14 December intentions - *comm - John of the Cross, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ikara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Ireland.
- Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis).
- St Bride's, Glasgow (Kevin Francis, Gregor Duncan).
- St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

- In the SEI: Helen Randall, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we consider at home the points in our domestic settings and make changes to the way we are choosing to live.

We pray for our Advent Group meeting on Wednesday evenings – may we draw closer to Christ as we dwell with the scriptures in this third week of study and reflection.

We pray for the preparations for the Ecumenical Carol Service on 17 Dec at St Margarets.

In our communities

We pray for all Care Home staff as they make a Christmas for their residents.

We especially pray for all who are new to their residential setting this Christmas.

We pray for people facing addictions: drugs, sex, money, alcohol, prestige, internet.... For the groups running 12 step programmes to help people find new freedom and a management of their struggles and inclinations.

We pray for men struggling with their mental health at this time.

Wednesday 15 December intentions – *Ember Day*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ikeduru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Warden of Lay Readers (Ray Gascoigne).
- Cathedral Chapter.

- Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon, John Riches, Ellen Barrett, Maggie McTernan).
- In the SEI: Roberta Ritson, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for spiritual renewal in our Charges, and a sense passion for our individual and corporate spiritual growth.

We pray for you people exploring vocation at this time.

We pray for our Diocesan Vocations advisors in their work of helping people on the path of discernment.

We pray for the SEC's online ministry as more of the Charges install online streaming systems and we pray for the cathedral during this period of installation for them at St Marys.

In our communities

We pray for people remembering the death of friends and family due to HIV/AIDS this month.

We pray for people in Scotland living with HIV/AIDS and the services helping people live well.

We pray for those who work with the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers in our country, especially the various community projects offering help and support in Glasgow.

We pray for our Prime Minister – Boris and First Minister – Nicola in their work for the common good. May they and all world leaders be wise in the discharge of their duties for the Nations and we pray for all world leaders.



Thursday 16 December intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ikka – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Bendel Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland.
- Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman).
- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González).
- In the SEI: Louise Sanders, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the future of the earth as we all work towards the challenges of the COP26 outcomes.

We pray for the researchers developing new drug regimes for people living with HIV/AIDS – we pray for the Brownlee Centre in Glasgow.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region Clergy as they prepare for worship in the coming festive season.

In our communities

We pray for manual workers, street repair workers, refuse collectors and open-spaces maintenance workers.

We pray for people living with Mental Health issues and those who are their carers and support workers.

Friday 17 December intentions – *feria*



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ikwerre – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes).
- Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk).
- All Saints, Bearsden; (Vacant).
- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).

- In the SEI: Janet Spence, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for all who will be attending the Ecumenical Carol Service this evening at Renfrew.

We pray for the NHS as it roles out the Flu vaccinations.

We pray for the Charges of our Region: St Margarets Renfrew, St Johns Johnstone, Holy Trinity Paisley, St Marys Port Glasgow, St Fillans Kilmacolm, St Marys Bridge of Weir, St Johns Greenock and St Bartholemhews Gourock.

In our communities

We pray for staff at our secondary schools as they share in the joy of the Christmas season through their end of term activities.

We pray for all the young people in Renfrew and Johnstone and those agencies beginning to plan for holiday clubs in 2022/



Saturday 18 December intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ikwo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Enugu Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales.
- Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership.
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).
- In the SEI: Ross Stirling-Young, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for one another as we engage with aspects of Climate Crisis in our own homes and lives, and as we think about the Christmas gifts we select for our friends and families.

We pray for St John's support of the ToyBox Birth Certificate giving collection over the festive period.

We pray for St Margarets as they collect for Alberlour as Bishop Kevin calls up to support this local charity in their care for children and young people.

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, including the online congregational members.

We pray for the cleaners and refreshment makers as they make our churches run smoothly.

In our communities

We pray for world leaders in the work they have to change the course of the Climate Crisis during the coming decade.

We pray for our First Minister Nicola as she leads Scotland.

We pray for each other and give thanks for the lives of our Charges.

We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to reach out in new ways to the world in the communities we serve.

From Alton Abbey Hampshire – Benedictine Foundation

Prayers of Union

For those in pain or sorrow:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

For those in doubt or fear:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

For all bishops, priests and deacons:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

For all monks and nuns:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

For all members of our Confraternity:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

For the unity of all Christians:

Mother of Jesus, pray.

May all who honour you,

Know the power of your prayer.

Saint Benedict, Father of monks,

Pray for us and all children.

Lord, arouse in your Church

the spirit which guided our holy father Benedict.

Fill us with that spirit and grant that we may love what he loved and put into practice what he taught.

Help us to be steadfast in the service of your will,

that we may grow in number and holiness.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Leading your Church
into Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Everybody is invited and welcome
but household by household and online
at this time of COVID-19 sadly!



The SEC is dedicated to becoming a welcoming, open and inclusive spiritual environment for all people- irrespective of gender, sexual and sexuality identities. We seek to offer a place for you to connect with the true self that we believe God has made you. If you feel different – welcome! We are different because we believe that as we walk with Jesus Christ together our lives are transformed and find fresh meaning and purpose, sharing in the gift of life as we know it now. You have found a new home and family to grow and flourish- welcome!



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